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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, CPAS (UNDERWOOD, HIRAM D., SP5)  
SUBJECT: SP5, DIRAM D. UNDERWOOD, USA

REF: HONG KONG 9571

1. UNDERWOOD, ASSIGNED JUSMAAG, THAILAND, DENIED ENTRY BANGKOK  
AUGUST 24 OWING TO LACK PASSPORT. PAN AMERICAN, WHO BOARDED  
HIM NEW YORK, CARRIED HIM TO HONG KONG FOR PASSPORT ISSUANCE.  
HE WILL RETURN BANGKOK PA-1, ARRIVING 0145 TWENTY-SIXTH.  
PLEASE ENSURE HE IS MET UPON ARRIVAL.

2. UNDERWOOD'S PREVIOUS DUTY STATION WAS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION,  
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY. HE IS IN POSSESSION OF WHAT APPEAR  
TO BE STANDARD ORDERS CONTAINING A NUMBER OF ITEMS PERTAINING  
TO CHANGE OF STATION. THE ITEM PERTAINING TO THE PASSPORT  
AND/OR VISA REQUIREMENT WAS NOT MARKED AS APPLICABLE.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, UNDERWOOD SAID HE ASKED A PFC  
IN THE BASE PERSONNEL OFFICE IF HE NEEDED A PASSPORT AND  
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WAS TOLD HE EID NOT.

3. UPON CHECKING IN WITH PANAM AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, HE  
WAS ASKED ONLY FOR HIS TICKET. HE SHOWED HIS ID CARD  
BUT NOT HIS ORDERS. HE SAID HE WAS NEITHER ASKED NOR  
DID HE ASK IF PASSPORT WAS NEEDED.

4. PANAM WILL ONCE AGAIN INFORM PRINCIPALS IN NEW YORK WHO, HOPEFULLY, WILL MORE FORCEFULLY INSTRUCT COUNTER PERSONNEL AT KENNEDY TO ENSURE THAT BANGKOK BOUND MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE PASSPORTS. WE HAVE INFORMED PANAM LOCALLY THAT WE WILL AGAIN DO WHAT WE CAN TO ENSURE SUCH UNDOCUMENTED TRAVEL TO THAILAND CEASES. AS WE STATED PARAGRAPH TWO REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE REMEDY LIES WITH JUSMAAG TO INSTRUCT EACH AND EVERY PERSON ASSIGNED THAILAND TO NOT LEAVE U.S. WITHOUT PASSPORT. EMBASSY MIGHT WANT CONSIDER HIGH LEVEL APPROACH TO THAI AUTHORITIES TO WAIVE PASSPORT REQUIREMENT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL ARRIVING COMMERCIALY. MATTER DISCUSSED WITH BANGKOK CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF ANTIPPAS WHILE IN HONG KONG 24TH AND 25TH AND HE WILL LOOK INTO MATTER AGAIN. OUR DIRECT CONCERN IS THAT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES MAY BEGIN TO TAKE DIM VIEW OF WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE NEVER ENDING PARADE OF MILITARY DENIED ENTRY THAILAND BECAUSE OF ABSENCE PASSPORTS AND ALSO DENY ENTRY HERE THOUGH WE ENJOY EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH LOCAL IMMIGRATION, WE DO NOT WISH TO DRAW TOO HEAVILY ON OUR CREDIT WITH THEM. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TOO IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN EXPRESS TO PAN AMERICAN ITS CONCERN.

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